

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims/Restriction Requirement

Claims 1-36, 39-42, 46-52, 55-64, 67-69, 71, 72, 75, and 81-84 have been canceled. Claims 37, 38, 43-45, 53, 54, 65, 66, 70, 73, 74, 76-80, and 85-87 remain pending and are presented for consideration.

As a result of this amendment, there are now a total of 20 claims pending in the application, with one claim being an independent claim.

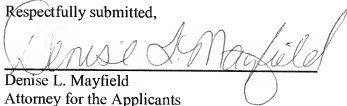
II. Enhanced First Interview Pilot Program

Applicants are in receipt of correspondence mailed November 2, 2009, in the present application that reports that the application has met the requirements to participate in the USPTO's Enhanced First Action Interview Pilot Program. Applicants provide the present Preliminary Amendment that provides a set of 20 claims with no more than 3 independent claims as required under the program. In addition, Applicants provide here a REQUEST FOR FIRST ACTION INTERVIEW (ENHANCED PILOT PROGRAM) to perfect participation in the Program as outlined in the Communication.

III. Conclusion

The present paper is submitted as a complete response to the requirements for entry into the First Action Interview Program. Applicant's undersigned representative respectfully requests an additional telephone conference should the Examiner have any suggestions or comments.

Respectfully submitted,


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